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Panchayat S. Kanara district

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Starred Question.

Mr. D. Manjayya Heggade.

THE LAW (GENERAL) DEPARTMENT.

* 1939. Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state :-

(a) the number of Panchayat Courts in the district of South Kanara;

(b) the number of villages without Panchayat Courts; and

(c) what steps the Government take to introduce and popularise Panchayat Courts in villages where there are no such institutions at present?

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Law Dept. III-8-4,000—1-12-24.

QUESTION.—No. 1939 for the next meeting of the Legislative Council to be held on the ~~192~~. K. K. M.

SUBMITTED that two copies of this Question may be forwarded to the Law (General) Department.

The Question has been admitted.

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The Law (Gen) Department.

Law (General) Department.

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L.C.Q. No. 1939.

The number of Panchayat courts in South Kanara at the end of 1924 was 77, and the number, if any, since established may be found out from the Index, but there is no information with regard to clause (b) of the question - the number of villages without Panchayat courts. As regards clause (c), the policy of the Govt. is to give every village a Panchayat court, if possible, so that there may be sufficient scope for the free play of local knowledge and influence of the members constituting the court. Where a village is not fit to have a court of its own from considerations of distance, nor can be grouped with other villages for the purpose, it should continue to rely on the village munsiff's court - vide G.O.No. 1148 Home (Judicial), dated 4th May 1920 and the notes connected with it. In reviewing annual reports on the working of Village Panchayat Courts, the Govt. have urged on Collectors the necessity for increasing the number of such courts. - vide Paragraph 2 of G.O.No. 2410 L.G. dated 2-10-1923. Collectors have been requested to instruct Divisional Officers and Tahsildars to impress on villagers the usefulness of these courts and to send up proposals for the establishment of further courts wherever local conditions permit.

Surely the total number of villages in S.Kanara is known?
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The number of courts has increased from 1700 in 1921 to 3196 in 1924 and the number of suits disposed of from 28,005 to 140,007. This in a way indicates the result of the steps taken to establish and popularize village panchayat courts in the Presidency, ~~even though only [illegible] per cent of the villages in [illegible] have been provided with such courts~~. In

G.Q. No.1939 dated7.8.23the attention of C llectors (Z) was drawn to the orders of Govt. issued from time to time affecting village panchayat courts in regard to the provision of clerical assistance, process serving establishments, supply of furniture, stationery, books, postage stamps, etc and they were requested to examine the necessity and advisability of taking measures to make these courts more popular and efficient. The suggestions made by Collectors for the better working and popularization of the courts are examined from time to time and orders issued e.g. G.O.No. 705 L.G. dated 29-2-24 and G.O.No. 1777 L.G. d. 11-6-24. (J) (Y) In connection with proposals received for the abolition of panchayat courts, District Magistrates have been told that abolition of such courts is a measure intended to be tried in the last resort. (H2)

The anser to ~~clause~~ (c) may perhaps be: --

~~"The Govt. always have urge upon impressed on Collectors the necessity need "for impressing on the educating villagers ~~as regards the~~ the usefulness of village " panchayat courts and enjoin them to make their best " endeavour to popularize such courts through the agency " of Divisional Officers, Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars.~~ ~~" The desirability of~~ ~~through the agency of the subordinate officers.~~ Collectors are alive to the importance of constituting such courts wherever possible.

" ~~Collectors~~ ~~They~~ They have ~~also~~ been instructed to send up proposals "for the establishment of further courts wherever local " conditions permit. As a result of these efforts of Collectors the " number of these courts in the presidency has increased from 700 in 1921 " to 3196 in 1924 and the number of suits disposed of " from 28,005 to 1,40,007 during this period "

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~~Answer to clauses (b) and (c) may be given here.~~

If a reference may go to the Collector in regard to (b), the drafts below is for approval.

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See my remark on p. 1.
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A draft ~~[illegible]~~ answer to the whole Question is submitted for approval.

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Law (General) Department.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL QUESTION. (Starred Question)

Mr. D. Manjayya Heggade: No. 1939

Will the Honourable the Law Member be pleased to state :--	
(a) the number of Panchayat Courts in the district of South Kanara;	Clause (a):- Seventy-eight .
(b) the number of villages without Panchayat Courts; and	Clause (b):- About 405
(c) what steps the Government take to introduce and popularise Panchayat Courts in villages where there are no such institutions at present?	Clause (c):- Collectors are alive to the importance of constituting such courts wherever possible. They have been ~~[illegible]~~ instructed to ~~send up~~ submit proposals for the establishment of ~~[illegible]~~ courts wherever local conditions permit. As a result of the efforts of Collectors, the number of these courts in the Presidency has increased from 1700 in 1921 to 3196 in 1924 and the number of suits disposed of from 28,005 to 1,40,007 during this period.

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Panchayat courts in the district of South Kanara.

1699 *Q.*—Mr. D. Manjayya Heggade: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of panchayat courts in the district of South Kanara;

(*b*) the number of villages without panchayat courts; and

(*c*) what steps the Government take to introduce and popularise panchayat courts in villages where there are no such institutions at present?

A.—(*a*) Seventy-eight.

(*b*) About 405.

(*c*) Collectors are alive to the importance of constituting such courts wherever possible. They have been instructed to submit proposals for the establishment of courts wherever local conditions permit. As a result of the efforts of Collectors, the number of these courts in the Presidency has increased from 1,700 in 1921 to 3,196 in 1924 and the number of suits disposed of from 28,005 to 140,007 during this period.

Mr. D. Manjayya Heggade:—"With reference to clause (*c*), it is stated in the answer that Collectors have been instructed to submit proposals for the establishment of courts wherever local conditions permit. I want to know what are those local conditions, about which Collectors are asked to submit proposals."

The hon. Sir C. P. Ramaswami Ayyar:—"There is a general feeling that resort, to panchayat courts should be had in petty litigation. Sometimes in spite of the establishment of panchayat courts, people are not willing to take advantage of them."

Mr. J. A. Saldanha:—"Is it a fact that the panchayat court system is not so popular as it ought to be on account of the fact that no facilities are offered or provision made for the courts' establishment charges, for furniture and for so many other things that are required for their efficient working?"

The hon. the President:—"Is that with reference to South Kanara?"

Mr. J. A. Saldanha:—"Yes."

The hon. Sir C. P. Ramaswami Ayyar:—"My hon. Friend has been stressing that quite often and the Government is going into those matters. But then, the figures do not quite bear out the unpopularity of the system, because the number of these courts has risen from 1,700 in 1921 to 3,196 in 1924."

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